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	THEODORE J. STIGELL	3763	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/2/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 52-65.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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/Theodore J Stigell/
Examiner, Art Unit 3763

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Hemmer on 8/11/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

- Please replace the paragraph under the Cross-Reference to Related Applications heading amended on 9/8/2003 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/755,906, filed January 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,616,627, issued September 9, 2003, which claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) to U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 60/174,876 , filed on January 7, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

- On line 22 of page 4 of the specification, please delete "housing".
- Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24 of the specification as amended on 9/8/2003 with the following paragraph:

The syringe adaptor 200 has an outer vent sleeve 150, a sliding piston 100 having pressure relief holes 130, sleeve 110 (e.g., a fixed sleeve) having a groove 120

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(e.g., an annular groove), and a drive piston 170 having grooves containing sealing devices 180 (e.g., o-rings) and a syringe interface 190 (e.g., a custom syringe interface) located at its distal end. The sliding piston 100 includes a proximal end toward the proximal end of the housing and a distal end toward the distal end of the housing. The sleeve 110 includes a proximal end toward the proximal end of the housing and a distal end toward the distal end of the housing.

In the Claims:

- Please cancel claims 36-51.
- Please add the following new claims 52-65.

52. (NEW) An injection device for fluid injection into a body comprising:

a housing having a proximal end and a distal end, the housing having an opening proximate the distal end, the opening configured to deliver a fluid;

a fluid chamber disposed inside the housing and configured to contain the fluid;

a propellant chamber disposed inside the housing and spaced from the distal end of the housing;

a sleeve having a proximal end and a distal end, the sleeve disposed inside the housing between the distal end of the housing and the propellant chamber, the sleeve having a first cavity in fluid communication with the propellant chamber, and having an opening between the proximal end of the sleeve and the distal end of the sleeve; and

a piston mounted on the sleeve and having a proximal end and a distal end and having an opening between the proximal end of the piston and the distal end of the

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piston, the piston being coupled to the sleeve and having a second cavity, the piston being movable with respect to the sleeve from a first position to a second position,

wherein, during use, a fluid is released from the propellant chamber causing the piston to slide over a surface of the sleeve from the first position to the second position, movement of the piston causing the fluid in the fluid chamber to be ejected through the housing opening, and

wherein as the piston slides over the sleeve, the opening of the piston aligns with the opening of sleeve such that at least some of the fluid from the propellant chamber travels through the aligned openings of the sleeve and piston.

53. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the opening of the piston is configured to assist in controlling pressure of the fluid being ejected through the housing opening.

54. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the sleeve further includes a groove, the opening of the sleeve disposed in the groove.

55. (NEW) The injection device of claim 54, wherein the groove is annular.

56. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the opening of the piston includes a plurality of axially spaced openings that are each alignable with the opening of the sleeve.

57. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the housing is comprised of a plurality of housing components.

58. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the fluid from the propellant chamber is a gas that urges the piston from the first position to the second position.

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59. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the second cavity is in fluid communication with an exterior of the housing when the piston and sleeve openings are aligned.

60. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the fluid from the propellant chamber is released from a propellant disposed within the propellant chamber.

61. (NEW) The injection device of claim 60, further comprising:

a button coupled to the housing proximate the proximal end of the housing;

a battery disposed inside the housing and adjacent to the button;

electrical leads in electrical communication with the battery; and

a wire in electrical communication with the electrical leads, the wire configured to trigger the propellant.

62. (NEW) The injection device of claim 60, wherein the propellant includes a chemical pyrotechnic material.

63. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the device is a needleless injection device.

64. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, further comprising:

a filter disposed between the propellant chamber and the first cavity.

65. (NEW) The injection device of claim 52, wherein the housing includes a vent, at least some of the fluid from the propellant chamber exiting through the vent after traveling through the openings of the sleeve and the piston.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art made of record did not disclose or render obvious an injection device comprising the combination of limitations recited in claim 52. In regard to McKinnon '413, there is no disclosure of at least a piston mounted on a sleeve wherein the piston is movable over a surface of a sleeve and further wherein the piston and sleeve include an opening between their respective ends. There is no teaching reference to include these limitations in the McKinnon '413 device and furthermore such limitations would appear to destroy the McKinnon '413 device as the piston (90) is movable inside the sleeve and not over it. In regard to Willis '455, there is no disclosure of a sleeve and a piston with an opening between their respective ends wherein the openings are alignable with each other during movement of the piston over the sleeve so that fluid from the propellant chamber can travel therethrough. Willis discloses a piston (10) slidable over a sleeve (element defining 11) but does not disclose an opening in either the sleeve or the piston between their ends. Furthermore, there is no teaching reference to modify the device of Willis '455 with these limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THEODORE J. STIGELL whose telephone number is (571)272-8759. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Theodore J Stigell/
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